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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 2429

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USCOMSOLANT MAR 31
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE
E.O. 11652 GDS 83

SUBJECT: UNITAS XIX (U)

REF: A USCOMSOLANT 171604Z MAR 78
B. USCOMSOLANT 171603Z MAR 78

1. (C) ARGNAV REPORTS THAT THEIR INTENTIONS ARE TO
PARTICIPATE IN UNITAS XIX BUT DESIRE THAT THE SCHEDULE
PROPOSED IN REF A BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE A PUERTO BELGRANO
FIVE FULL DAY PORT VISIT; A SEVEN DAY OPS PERIOD
ENROUTE USHUAIA; AND, A CRITIQUE DURING
OVERNITE PORT VISIT IN USHUAIA. THEIR PROPOSED DATES ARE:
10 SEP ARR PUERTO BELGRANO
10-15 PORT VISIT PUERTO BELGRANO
16-22 SEP OPS ENROUTE USHUAIA
22-24 SEP INPORT VISIT CRITIQUE
24 SEP DEPART USHUAIA

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2. (C) IF ABOVE ACCEPTABLE, ARGNAV WILL:
A. TENTATIVELY ASSIGN AT LEAST THREE DESTROYER
TYPES, ONE SUBMARINE, ONE OILER AND AUX UNITS AND
OPERATION AIRCRAFT AS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN
UNITAS XIX.
B. ARNAV OILER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT

OF US UNITS FOR THE TOTAL PERIOD OF OPERATIONS.
C. ARNAV ACCEPTS PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
ABOVE TIME FRAME.

3. (U) ESTIMATE PLANNING GROUP CONSIST
OF ABOUT EIGHT PERSONNEL HEADED BY THE ARGNAV TASK
GROUP CDR. TENTATIVELY, UNODIR, CHNAVSEC WILL NOT
PARTICIPATE PLANNING CONFERENCE DUE TRVF IN JUL 78;
ALUSNA WILL REPRESENT. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REQUESTED IN REFS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS KNOWN.

4. (C) ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WAS A PORT VISIT TO
BUENOS AIRES BY THE SURFACE UNITS AND TO MAR DEL PLATA
BY THE SUBMARINE. THEY ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT SUCH
ALTERNATIVE IS UNFEAIBLE DUE TO US SHIP DRAFTS VERSUS
THE SHALLOW CHANNEL TO ENTER BUENOS AIRES. AN
ALTERNATIVE TO CONDUCT THE PRESAIL AT ANCHOR OFF
RIO DE LA PLATA, OERATE FOR FOUR OR FIRVE DAYS AND THEN
ENTER PUERTO BELGRANO FOR A FIVE SIX DAY
VISIT WAS EXAMINED BUT SOON DISCARDED AS THEY INSIST
THAT AT LEAST TWO ARGENTINE POSTS SHOULD BE
VISITED TO PERMIT BETTER ACQUAINTANCE WITH
ARGENTINA BY US PERSONNEL. THEY DESIRE
SUFFICIENT TIME IN PUERTO BELGRANO FOR THE
UNITS TO PEMIT R AND R VISITS OF THEIR
PERSONNEL TO BUENOS AIRES AND MAR DEL PLATA
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WHILE CONDUCTING IN PORT OPERATIONAL AND
DOCTRINAL EXERCISES ON SHORE TRAINER FOR
THEIR OWN PERSONNEL.
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